

and Technology; Gary Christopherson, former Veterans Health Administration Chief Information Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VA CREDENTIALING AND PATIENT SAFETY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA Credentialing and Privileging: A Patient Safety Issue. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: John D. Daigh, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Healthcare Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—PAKISTAN

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executives session to receive a briefing on Pakistan. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on initiatives, lessons learned, and the way forward in monitoring and combating anti-Semitism, after receiving testimony from Gert Weisskirchen, Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism, and Kathrin Meyer, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, both of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna, Austria.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1672)

H.R. 366, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–156)

H.R. 797, an act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve low-vision benefits matters, matters relating to burial and memorial affairs, and other matters under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. (Public Law 110–157)

H.R. 1045, to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–158)

H.R. 2011, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th

Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–159)

H.R. 2761, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of the Treasury. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–160)

H.R. 2764, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–161)

H.R. 3470, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–162)

H.R. 3569, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16731 Santa Ana Avenue in Fontana, California, as the "Beatrice E. Watson Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–163)

H.R. 3571, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve one additional term. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–164)

H.R. 3974, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 797 Sam Bass Road in Round Rock, Texas, as the "Marine Corps Corporal Steven P. Gill Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–165)

H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–166)

H.R. 4009, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–167)

S. 1396, to authorize a major medical facility project to modernize inpatient wards at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–168)

S. 1896, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office". Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–169)

S. 1916, to amend the Public Health Service Act to modify the program for the sanctuary system for surplus chimpanzees by terminating the authority for

the removal of chimpanzees from the system for research purposes. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–170)

S.J. Res. 13, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. Signed on December 26, 2007. (Public Law 110–171)

H.R. 4839, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections. Signed on December 29, 2007. (Public Law 110–172)

S. 2499, to amend titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to extend provisions under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP programs. Signed on December 29, 2007. (Public Law 110–173)

S. 2271, to authorize State and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct business operations in Sudan, to prohibit United States Government contracts with such companies. Signed on December 31, 2007. (Public Law 110–174)

S. 2488, to promote accessibility, accountability, and openness in Government by strengthening section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). Signed on December 31, 2007. (Public Law 110–175)

S. 2436, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Signed on January 4, 2008. (Public Law 110–176)

H.R. 660, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–177)

H.R. 3690, to provide for the transfer of the Library of Congress Police to the United States Capitol Police. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–178)

S. 863, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency funds. Signed on January 7, 2008. (Public Law 110–179)

H.R. 2640, to improve the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Signed on January 8, 2008. (Public Law 110–180)

H.R. 4986, to provide for the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as previously enrolled, with certain modifications to address the foreign sovereign immunities provisions of title 28, United States Code, with respect to the attachment of property in certain judgments against Iraq, the lapse of statutory authorities for the payment of bonuses, special pays, and similar benefits for members of the uniformed services. Signed on January 28, 2008. (Public Law 110–181)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the economic stimulus, focusing on budget policy for a strong economy over the short- and long-term budget outlook, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers, S. 127, to amend the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve Act of 2000 to explain the purpose and provide for the administration of the Baca National Wildlife Refuge, S. 128, to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to designate a new management entity, make certain technical and conforming amendments, enhance private property protections, S. 189, to decrease the matching funds requirements and authorize additional appropriations for Keweenaw National Historical Park in the State of Michigan, S. 327, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement, S. 783, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of the Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, S. 868, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1039, to extend the authorization for the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey, S. 1143, to designate the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and the surrounding Federal land in the State of Florida as an Outstanding Natural Area and as a unit of the National Landscape System, S. 1247, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to limit the development of any property acquired by the Secretary of the Interior for the development of visitor and administrative facilities for the Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 1304, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Arizona National Scenic Trail, S. 1329, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1341, to provide for the exchange of certain Bureau of Land Management land in Pima County, Arizona, S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, S. 1377, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the City of Henderson, Nevada, certain Federal land located in the City, S. 1433, to amend the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to provide competitive status to certain Federal employees in the State of Alaska, S. 1476, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources study of the Tule Lake Segregation Center in Modoc County, California, to determine suitability and